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| In re Patent Application of : |) | METHOD OF PACKAGING SOLVENT |
| |) | OR WATER BASED FORMULATIONS |
| VAN DYK et al. |) | TO REDUCE SKINNING |
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| Application No. 09/831,489 |) | |
| |) | Examiner: P. Nordmeyer |
| Application Filing Date: 08/10/2001 |) | Group Art Unit: 1772 |

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the final Office Action mailed December 23, 2004. The initial three month term for response expired March 23, 2005.

Please find attached herewith in duplicate a request for two-month extension of time accompanied by a check in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the cost of the extension bringing the extended term for response to today's date of May 23, 2005. Simultaneously filed is a Request for Continued Examination. Should any other fees be deemed necessary to be charged to this file, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-1351. Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks and respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Action and to allow the claims to issue. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.